

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Saratoga, N. Y.Aug 11 to 25
Newport, R. I.Sept. 8 to 10

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CANADIAN.

LondonSept. 5 to 6
Ottawa, Dom. Park..... Sept. 12 to 15
Mt. ForestSept 18 to 19
Fergus.....Sept. 11 to 12
Stallion RaceSept 11
KingSept 4 to 5
Woodbine.....Sept. 12 to 15

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Woodbine.....Sept 7
Fergus.....Sept. 7
ListowellAug. 28

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A DOMINION BENEFIT.

It is said that the man who causes one blade of grass to grow is a benefactor of his race. No doubt this is true to the extent of the benefit he confers on the community. But the man who causes two blades of grass to grow, where none existed before, is to be commended doubly for his enterprise over the agriculturist who produces the single stalk. And in the same proportion is the energy of the individual to be rewarded by the opinion of mankind, who performs a more beneficial action for the general good. The introduction of anything into our country that will permanently increase our domestic wealth, must, it necessarily, be considered a public good, and, consequently the introducer is a benefactor of the Dominion, to the extent of the benefit that follows his enterprise. And any inducement that may have been offered to call forth this enterprise should be an equal sharer in the reward. There are very few industries in our young country that exceed in worth the equine interest, and anything that tends to increase the quantity of that stock, and adds to its value, is a move that should meet with popular encouragement. In the Home market our horses have obtained a high reputation, and it is necessary to maintain that standard if we wish to retain that remunerative outlet for our surplus stock. It is only by a continued infusion of new blood that this reputation can

have been faithfully kept, so far, at least, as this race was concerned. But the next day there was a race for 8.10 local horses, and in this the compact was broken, and a horse not speedy enough to come to the front in the 8:00 class was able to crack in heats in 2.58, 2.55}. This remarkable change in the speed of the horse or the slowness of the watch is attributed to the fact that there was a secret understanding to let the winner of the 8:00 race off without a scratch, but put a plaster on this 8.10 entry that would pull it out of its class; and this, it is claimed, was brought about by the influence of a man who was connected in some way with the Club, but whether his position was of an official character deponent saith not. So far so good, or, so bad. The time was hung out. But the owner of the entry was not satisfied with being whip-sawed in this manner, and he appealed to the members of the Association to maintain the fraudulent compact for suppression that had been entered into. Now the Association come to the front, and without any evidence that the entry had not trotted as fast as the record hung out, deliberately expunge the time of the heats from their books. It's a nice kettle of fish, and shows a want of faith in all parties interested that is truly surprising. The compact to misrepresent the time was a fraudulent one; the hanging out of the true record was a breach of that honor that is said to exist among a certain class of people; and the reversal of the action of the judges by the members of the Association was beyond their province and was illegal. If turf sport can be popularized in our western country under such conditions, it should flourish like a green bay tree if the management of races was in the hands of men who would administer the laws in a straightforward manner, and honestly carry out the rules in both their letter and spirit.

THE STALLION RACE.

If we are to say anything about this great contest of the giants it will be the same old story. From every section of Ontario advices state that the greatest interest is taken in the race, and it is the prominent subject of talk in all quarters where horsemen most do congregate. As a matter of course speculation is very brisk on this event, and opinions are backed up freely and strongly. In Toronto a great diversity is found; Fulton is looked upon in some circles with a great deal of favor, while the old friends of Captain Tom stick to him like wax. In the extreme west Chatham Planet is thought to be as good as any of them; and at London, Ingersoll, and Woodstock, Captain Tom and Combination are almost placed first and second. About Hamilton, Captain Tom and Winfield Scott are fancied; and in the Niagara peninsula Fulton is thought to be invincible. Turning to the east Chestnut Hill and Captain Webb loom up as mighty competitors, and in that section no other horses are thought of. This local feeling is but natural, and will be exhibited in all great races. But talk won't win, and it will not be until the evening of September 11th, that any man can put his

looked on. There are many who are of the sporting line that would bring so many visitors to our city as this aquatic contest of the representative men of the Dominion, and the benefits to be secured by having the race take place on our bay will be shared in by all classes of our people. Until the articles of agreement are signed it is scarcely necessary to say anything further, but when that initiative proceeding is completed full particulars of the whole affair can be published. Just now everything looks like as if the race would be brought to a satisfactory conclusion on Toronto Bay, and we do not know of the slightest obstacle that in any way will impede the progress of the match.

A CHANGE WANTED.

Circumstances now and then arise which show there is a want to be supplied, that there is no law or practice which properly governs some peculiar contingency. That our turf law is not perfect will be readily admitted, and that there are continually cases arising which are not provided for in our legal code is equally true. Even on the other side of the lines, where Associations are better organized and their laws are submitted to annual amendment and addition, the same difficulty is found, but probably not to the extent it is here. The clause that gives judges a discretionary right to decide upon unprovided for contingencies is altogether too wide in its scope, and specific provision should be made for many things which are now in doubt, and for practices upon which the rules are silent. Our rules in common with the American ones permit a man to name and start more than one horse in a dash race, but provide if in a heat race that only one entry can start. But it is not particularly of this we desire to speak, although it has its bearing upon the subject. An instance of what it is wished to illustrate occurred recently at Saratoga and excited considerable adverse comment. A gentleman had nominated two horses in a race, dash, and when the horses came to be sold in the pools his nominations were bunched in the usual manner and sold as his stable. One of the horses was a superior one, while the other was inferior. He was asked which one he would start or if he would run both. To this inquiry no satisfactory answer was given, and it was not known until the horses were on the track that the better horse had been drawn and the inferior one was to start. This gave the owner and his friends an advantage that the rules should not permit. Of course the public could be protected by selling the horses out individually, but the practice has been to sell the "stable." Attention has been drawn to this by something very similar which occurred at Waterloo last week. There in the half-mile heat race one stable had two entries, one known to be very fleet and the other only a medium performer. As usual the "stable" was sold in the pools, the nominator not saying which horse he would start. A good many believed in the *prima facie* appearance of affairs, and purchased the "stable" in question, placing their faith and money on the speedier nomination belonging thereto. But as at Saratoga the nominator elected to start the slower one, and the in-

ideal excellence which their patrons have formed will be fully realized. The various railway and steamboat companies, recognizing the great attraction of Woodbine Races, have made special rates for visitors. The Grand Trunk and Northern Railways will carry passengers for the Races to and from any of their stations at a single fare, and the steamers running across the lake will offer greatly reduced rates to the patrons of the Races. Arrangements are about completed with all the other main avenues of travel centering in Toronto, by which special cheap rates will be secured. The entries close on Friday next, Sept. 1, and owners of horses will be careful to not let the date escape their memory. One or two things it is necessary to bear in mind, that entries with any condition to them will not be received, the 40 per cent. allowed for a walk over preventing any such course, each nomination is required to be positive, and the entrance money must accompany the entry.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WOODBINE RACES SEPTEMBER 7.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR FERGUS RACES SEPTEMBER 7.

FORFEIT MONEY IN STALLION RACE DUE SEPTEMBER 1.

Sporting Gossip.

By an extract in another column from the Hamilton Spectator it will be seen that the trotter Happy Abbott has got into trouble in that city.

Mr. Wm. Duffas, of Halifax, N.S., recently purchased from Messrs. Baker & Harrigan, of Comstock's Landing, N.Y., the six-year-old gelding Mountain Ash, and the two-year-old stallion Stirling, both by Ashland's Patchen. Mr. D. has since sold Mountain Ash to a military gentleman, who has taken him to England.

B. F. Bruce, the speedy grey trotting gelding, owned by Mr. L. B. Fortier, of Buffalo, N.Y., was bred by Mr. Geo. H. Swift, of Forestville, N.Y. He says B. F. Bruce was sired by Swift's Stephen A. Douglas, dam gray mare by Carter Horse—Duroc and Morgan stock.

The new track at Charlottetown, P.E.I., was opened for training on the 27th ult. Two meetings are talked of this season.

A gentleman has directed our attention to some prices quoted recently for Canadian horses in England. He says, to correct any misapprehension that might arise, that the highest priced ones named were elegant trotting horses exported from New York by Mr. I. Dahlman, who purchased them in Kentucky at a considerable advance on what is paid for Canadian horses. He says we could not duplicate the New York shipment in the whole of Canada, for style, speed, size and breeding.

Why should people smoke inferior tobacco when they can buy Old Man's Favorite at the same price?

The London Advertiser, the only religious daily, &c., says "Chatham claims the undeniable distinction of having more poker played within its borders than any other town in Canada." It would be interesting to have Bro. C.'s experience in the fascinating game of "draw."

A horse named Brightwood, claimed to be a "ringer" from Canada, showed up in the 2:45 race at Mondota, Ill. He is entered as a man calling himself T. Cumber, of Montreal. Brightwood is a deep rich bay gelding, 7 years, about 15.2}, near mind and white, looks and acts like a pacer, high at sharp at the withers, roached back, with sloping rump, broad hipped, loose gait, and a slouchy walker. Has a small star on forehead. His driver is a small young fellow about 21 years. Who knows what horse he is?

Mr. Fred. Ashbaugh, of Hamilton, with a severe loss by a serious accident to a well-bred mare of his while in the pasture field. She was with foal by Winfield Scott.

The billiard room of Mr. J. W. Capron, Paris, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 28th. He had an insurance for \$30,000.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their letters as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail telegraph.)

A Sub., Harwood.—1:45 is the fastest running time for a mile by a horse in Canada.

K. W., Guelph.—See notice at head of column.

THE TURF.

"THE CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES" STALLION RACE.

"The turf event of the year," is what Mr. P. Collins, the energetic and courteous editor of the SPORTING TIMES designates his special event; and he is not far out either, for the interest that is already manifest in it has been for months past, is not confined to Toronto but is spread throughout the whole of Ontario at least. The entries closed on June 1st with seven nominations as follows:—Mr. Thomas Gillesby (Hamilton) with Captain Tom, last year's winner; Mr. John Ford (Woodstock) with Combination, by Tom Chief; Mr. J. P. Visser's (Prescott) with Chestnut Hill, by Ryeduk; Mr. S. James' (Hamilton) with Winfield Scott, by Edward Everett; S. T. Bane's (Chatham) with Chatham Planet, by Young Stray; Mr. D. S. Booth's (Ottawa) with Capt. Webb's Sunshine; Mr. David Gillis' (St. Catharines) with Fulton, by old Tempest. A half dozen of these are almost sure to find appearance and a capital race must ensue. The affair takes place over the Woodbine track on September 11th, the day preceding the opening of the fall meeting. A local train \$150 will close the day's proceedings. Mail.

BARRIE RACES

WILL BE HELD AT THE
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when liberal premiums will be given for trotting, running, and steeplechasing.